



Legislation Text

File #: 1281-2009, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: The Division of Police was awarded funding through the FY09 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for a S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) project. The project goal is to develop a standardized method to collect evidence from the bodies of male sexual assault suspects. Project activities include the development of a suspect exam kit, a protocol for its use, and training for consultants to respond and collect evidence when necessary and appropriate. Acceptance and appropriation of the awarded funds are needed for the purchase of exam kit items and the payment of consultant collection contract fees. In addition, overtime expenses are included in this grant, a portion of which will be reimbursed by the grant, with the remainder being borne by the General Fund as the City's match.

This is a small pilot project by the Division of Police Sexual Assault Unit to collaborate with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) and advocates to document court worthy evidence in sexual assault cases. The City must act as a sub-grantee to the Franklin County Board of Commissioner through the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs according to the federal grant guidelines. Therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a sub-grantee award and contract documents to accept the award on behalf of the city.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency legislation is necessary to enable grant activities to begin as soon as practical. The grant award start date is September 1, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT: The General Fund is responsible for sworn officer overtime, including benefits, of \$3,280.00 associated with this grant. This is required as the city's match. The total award, including the City Match, is \$13,120.00

To authorize and direct The Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a sub-grantee award and enter into a contract with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners via the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs for a FY09 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant, to authorize an appropriation of \$9,840.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police; and to declare an emergency. (\$9,840.00)

WHEREAS, The Division of Police has been awarded a FY09 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to develop a standardized method to collect evidence from the bodies of male sexual assault suspects; and

WHEREAS, the grant award period started on September 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual and daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to accept and appropriate the FY09 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant award for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to accept a FY09 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) sub-grantee award for the Sexual Assault Suspect Evidence Collection project.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grant Fund and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purposes during the grant period, the sum of \$9,840.00 is appropriated as follows:

DIV	FD	OBJ#1	OBJ#3	OCACD	GRANT	AMOUNT
30-03	220	01	1127	339047	339047	\$163.20
30-03	220	01	1131	339047	339047	\$2,176.13
30-03	220	01	1161	339047	339047	\$424.32
30-03	220	01	1171	339047	339047	\$31.55
30-03	220	01	1173	339047	339047	\$108.80
30-03	220	02	2206	339047	339047	\$2,215.00
30-03	220	02	2290	339047	339047	\$721.00
30-03	220	03	3336	339047	339047	\$4,000.00

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Safety; and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.